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Col Leo F. Olsen, Jr.
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Dear Col. Olsen,

Thank you very much for your letter stamp dated April 13, the attached papers relating to John Pic and the advice relating to how I may appeal the denials, limited in your letter to withholdings in the attached pages.

I would be quite surprised, of course, to know that all AF and other interest in John Pic ended 1/27/60 when his half-brother Lee Harvey Oswald was not accused of killing President Kennedy until almost three years later.

Official concerns for rights to privacy are proper and I do approve them. But I believe they are in this instant case much less relevant than the pages with your letter represent. In this connection, however, while I do disagree with some of the withholdings, I do appreciate the clarity with which the withholdings are related to claimed exemption.

Some of what you sent me is completely illegible to me. If you will provide me with a copy from which you merely remove what you withhold and eliminate/some steps in the photocopying process I will appreciate it. I have this copy which will tell me what exemption you claim. I mean by this an earlier generation copy from which you cut out what you want to withhold.

Because I do recognize the problem you have in knowing what is and what is not a genuine question of privacy I am writing you rather than filing a formal appeal. If you do not agree you can please forward this as an appeal.

I believe you have no way of knowing what is already public knowledge. With the Oswald family this is quite much. It extends even to pre-marital sex, which is properly withheld but has not been. With such matters as mail all was intercepted, on both sides. With regard to Oswald's security clearance it is known that he was crypto and secret or top secret. So also is the kind of equipment on which he worked. Where Ms. Murrett taught and where she travelled is in the Warren Commission records. (Your withholding on the page numbered 3 may well enhance further suspicions that she had intelligence connections.) Mr. Pic's Race is hardly secret or within the exemption. I don't care about the other withholdings on this page but I do ask you to review them to determine if they really are necessary and after the lapse of more than a decade necessary.

The final page lists attachments not provided. There is no claim to exemption relating to any one of them. I would like them. Some clearly cannot be exempt, like the newspaper clipping. The routing of one of the listed enclosures is illegible on the copy provided me. It shows five places at which further records can be located.

Because I do have an interest in Oswald's military career and all that relates to it, my writing on this going back to 1965, I would appreciate all that can be provided.

Sincerely,

Harold Weisberg

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Interesting because of Pic's representation of LHO's attitude toward Marines, intention of making a career of it, attribution of LHO's resentment against mother for allegedly forcing LHO's leaving Marines, etc. Withholding under Murrett can be suspicious but need not be when they withhold listings under race and old addresses